



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts! We are still looking for input from Hoosiers regarding Indiana's priorities for coordinating national and volunteer service in our state. This is your opportunity to share what is most important to you in working to address unmet needs in Indiana.

If you haven't done so already, please take a few moments to complete the on-line survey by visiting <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=468212470918>. If you have problems accessing the link via this newsletter, please cut and paste the link into your browser. We have extended the deadline until Friday, September 8, 2006.

We also ask that you please share this link with your colleagues, board members, volunteers, and friends in an effort to assist us in capturing the many voices of Hoosiers all around the state. Once again, thank you for your participation and ongoing commitment to service and volunteerism in Indiana.



Funding Opportunity

In 2005, author James Patterson launched the Patterson PageTurner Awards to recognize individuals, organizations and companies that are creatively spreading the excitement of books and reading. In honor of the selected winners, First Book also distributed 1,000 books to literacy programs serving disadvantaged children selected by each finalist. This year, the PageTurner Awards will provide \$500,000 to various groups or individuals to help support their tremendous efforts in the field of literacy, and First Book will continue to donate books as well.

Please nominate your members, volunteers, organizations and corporate whose commitment and dedication to reading and education helps shape the literacy landscape.

For information on the Awards, and to apply on-line, visit <http://www.pattersonpageturner.org/>

The application deadline is October 16, 2006.

Free math and science homework help for Indiana Students

For many students, math and science are the most challenging and frustrating subject areas. Rose-Hulman's Homework Hotline, funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc., is a free math and science tutoring service for Indiana students in grades 6-12. Homework Hotline callers speak to Rose-Hulman students who have been trained to tutor middle and high school students. Tutors have access to state-adopted math and science textbooks.

Students may call the Homework Hotline toll free at 1-877-ASK-ROSE, Sunday through Thursday, 7 PM to 10 PM (Eastern Daylight Time), September through May. Students and teachers may also access resource materials and find educational links on the Homework Hotline Web site at www.AskRose.org

AmeriCorps* VISTA Openings at OFBCI

Do you have the desire to make a difference in our state? Would you like the opportunity to develop skills and be mentored in a professional environment? Want to help Indiana faith-based and community organizations serve those in need?

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has four remaining openings for our 2006-07 AmeriCorps * VISTA program. As an AmeriCorps* VISTA, you will serve full time for one year alongside our staff, providing creative solutions to issues in Indiana. You will receive a living allowance, basic medical coverage, and at the end of your year of service, an education award of \$4725 applied towards student loans or future tuition.

We are seeking **four** individuals to specialize in Marketing and Outreach, Community Resources, or Disability Inclusion. If you're looking for a challenging and rewarding year, this is the opportunity for you! To apply, visit <https://recruit.cns.gov/>, click on "Find A Program", then select Indiana and enter OFBCI as the keyword. To learn more about AmeriCorps* VISTA, visit www.americorps.gov.



THE HAPPIEST TODDLER ON THE BLOCK:

A free event to teach parents and professionals how to stop the daily battle of wills and raise a secure and well behaved one-to four-year old.

You are invited to a free lecture on **Friday, September 15, 2006 from 7:00-8:30 PM** at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis to hear Dr. Harvey Karp teach parents and professionals his

simple approach to calming crying babies and eliminating toddler tantrums. Free childcare will be provided during the program, but space is limited, so an early RSVP is recommended.

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is located at 3000 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis. Check-in begins at 6:30 PM. For further information or to RSVP for this event, please call Kimberlee Cottingham at 317-273-7575 or email kcottingham@villages.org



Fact for Life #149



Exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer. "Facts for Life," a weekly e-mail providing statistics on the toll of tobacco to Hoosiers and the state of Indiana, is presented by Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation. For more information on Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, visit, www.in.gov/itpc/; www.WhiteLies.tv or www.Voice.tv.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health, 2006.

"Our answer is the world's hope: it is to rely on youth...This world demands the qualities of youth; not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity, or the appetite for adventure over the love of ease."

Robert F. Kennedy



New Partnership to Promote Student Volunteerism in Indiana

*Indianapolis Colts, American Family Insurance,
Department of Education
Team Up through "Young Playmakers Challenge"
Initiative*



With students across Indiana headed back to school, the Indianapolis Colts, American Family Insurance and the Indiana Department of Education are teaming up to encourage more Hoosier youth to become active volunteers in their communities this fall.

On August 28, 2006, Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed, Colts President Bill Polian and American Family Insurance Sales Director Todd Fancher, joined local educators and students to officially launch the new *Young Playmakers Challenge* program during a Statehouse press conference.

"More than 30,000 K-12 students helped meet real community needs while building character last year through our Learn and Serve Indiana programs, but there is still work to be done," Dr. Reed said. "The Young Playmakers Challenge is another opportunity for Hoosier students to practice good citizenship, and we're excited to have the Colts and American Family Insurance step forward to support these efforts."

Through the new Young Playmakers Challenge program, Indiana middle school students will be asked to volunteer in their local communities and track their service hours this fall. The classroom with the highest average number of volunteer hours per student will receive a visit from a Colts player in December.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the Colts to continue our 'Join The Team' initiative promoting volunteerism among our fans," said Bill Polian, Colts President. "We look forward to working with American Family Insurance and the Department of Education to encourage students across Indiana to be active members of their communities."

American Family Insurance will provide two (2) Colts tickets to each of the ten (10) students throughout Indiana who have the highest number of volunteer hours. In addition, the teacher and principal of the classroom the highest average number of volunteer hours per student will each receive two (2) tickets to the Colts Monday Night Football Game against the Cincinnati Bengals on December 18.

"American Family Insurance is proud to partner with the Indianapolis Colts and the Indiana Department of Education to promote volunteerism among youth throughout the State of Indiana," said Todd Fancher, Indiana Sales Director for American Family Insurance. "We believe the Young Playmakers Challenge will serve as a great program to help foster that volunteerism and community service, and we encourage middle school students from across the state to get involved."

Schools interested in participating in this statewide program should visit the community section of www.colts.com for more information. **The "opt-in" deadline for schools to participate is September 8, 2006.**

The Young Playmakers Challenge is part of an ongoing effort by the Indianapolis Colts to promote volunteerism and community service throughout Indiana. Each year, Colts players, coaches, cheerleaders and staff members demonstrate their continued community support by donating hundreds of hours of their time to service projects and initiatives.

In addition to the new Young Playmakers Challenge, the event highlighted other Colts educational programs available to schools this year designed to promote community service, the arts, health and fitness. For more information about these events, please visit www.colts.com, or e-mail the Colts Community Relations Department at jointheteam@colts.nfl.net for details.

For more information on the Department of Education's Learn and Serve Indiana programs, visit www.doe.state.in.us/opd/srvlrm.

Take a Walk In The Park

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**Saturday,
September 9, 2006
10:00 a.m.
(local time)**

INShape Indiana participants will be granted free admission to a state park or reservoir that day and can take part in a 2-3 mile walk. The walk will be lead by a local leader with T-shirts being distributed on a first come first served basis.

For more details and to print your DNR Day coupon for free admission, please visit
WWW.INSHAPE.IN.GOV

To find a park or reservoir near you, please visit
WWW.IN.GOV/DNR/PARKLAKE

